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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIS, PLOS, BF

SUBJECT: GCOB SPINEY LOBSTER LEGISLATION

REF: STATE 218830

1. EMBASSY HAS PREPARED DETAILED AIRGRAM SETTING FORTH VIEWS ON BEST APPROACH TO TAKE IN LIGHT OF SUBJECT LEGISLATION. AIRGRAM WILL BE POUCHED NEXT WEEK.
2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION AS EXPLAINED IN AIRGRAM, IS TO PROPOSE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT TALKS WITH GCOB. INDUSTRY-GCOB TALKS NOT PREFERRED COURSE IN EMBASSY VIEW, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY BECOME INEVITABLE IF GCOB EXPRESSES NO INTEREST IN FISHERIES TALKS WITH USG. IN ANY, EVENT, EMBASSY WILL NOT EXPLORE POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS WITH GCOB UNTIL USG HAS DECIDED UPON STRATEGY.
3. EMBASSY PROPOSAL TO DEPT IS FOR INITIAL APPROACH TO GCOB SUGGESTING TALKS ON BILATERAL SHELF DELIMITATION. EMBASSY BELIEVES DELIMITATION CONDITION PRECEDENT FOR FURTHER EFFORTS TO FIND ACCEPTABLE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM OF FISHING ACTIVITIES WITHIN NEWLY COVERED AREA, DESPITE DELICACY OF DELIMITATION EXERCISE NOW IN LIGHT OF LOS COMPLEXITIES (PARTICULARLY CANADIAN SITUATION). EMBASSY PROPOSES TO DEPT THAT FIRM DATE FOR DELIMITATION DISCUSSIONS BE SET DURING UPCOMING ARCHIPELAGO DISCUSSIONS IN NASSAU WITH
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MINISTER ADDERLEY, WHO HAS STILL NOT SET DATE FOR LATTER

TALKS. WHEN DATE FOR DELIMITATION DISCUSSIONS SET, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT US SIDE EXPRESS HOPE THAT GCOB WILL PUT MORATORIUM ON ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN NEWLY COVERED AREA AT LEAST UNTIL BILATERAL DELIMITATION AGREED UPON. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MORATORIUM SUGGESTION WILL BE MOST LOGICAL AND ACCEPTABLE TO GCOB IF PLACED IN CONTEXT OF DELIMITATION TALKS WHICH GCOB SUGGESTED SOME MONTHS AGO.

4. LEGISLATION SET FOR SENATE PASSAGE OCTOBER 7, AFTER WHICH IT WILL GO TO GOVERNOR GENERAL FOR SIGNATURE. MINISTER ROBERTS LIKELY TO DESIGNATE SPINEY LOBSTER CREATURE OF SHELF SOON AFTER SIGNATURE.
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